

Anti-Slavery Rooms,
25, Cornhill, Boston, Sept. 14, 1840. }

Dear Friend:

The undersigned, as a committee of arrangements, appointed by the Board of Managers of the Massachusetts A. S. Society, would earnestly invite your attendance at two State Conventions; the first to be held at Worcester, Oct. 6th and 7th; the second at Springfield, Oct. 8th and 9th. These Conventions will be of ~~great~~ importance in their bearings upon the anti-slavery enterprise, not only in this Commonwealth, but throughout the country. We are desirous of securing the attendance of a large number of the tried and true friends of the cause at both of them, but especially at the one to be held at Worcester. We trust it will be the largest meeting which the cause has ever brought together in this State. The subjects which will probably be discussed are of immense practical importance at the present crisis, viz: the duty of anti-slavery voters to withhold their support from pro-slavery candidates at the coming State and Presidential elections—and the duty of abolitionists generally in relation to pro-slavery parties and sects. Mark you

not only to attend these Conventions yourself, but to urge the attendance of your neighbors. The disposition of many professed abolitionists to sacrifice their principles to party and sectarian attachments renders the present crisis one of immense importance. All that can be done by way of remonstrance, entreaty, warning and rebuke, to prevent a sacrifice at once so wicked and calamitous, on the part of any individual who professes attachment to ^{the} cause of the slave, ought to be done, and must be done.

For this reason, we hope to see the Abolitionists of the Commonwealth coming up to these Conventions by hundreds from every county. Messrs. Garrison and Rogers will be present to give an account of their tour in Great Britain, and other able speakers are expected to give interest to the proceedings.

Respectfully, yours for the slave,

J. A. Collins, } Committee
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